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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable George A. Lincoln
Director
Office of Emergency Preparedness

SUBJECT : CIA Input to NSSM 57

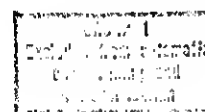
1. At the last meeting of your Ad Hoc Group for NSSM 57, we agreed to provide you with generalized measures of the Soviet civil defense program in terms comparable to the ways you describe the US options for NSSM 57. This memorandum and the attachment forwards the results of our study.

2. The placement of the Soviet civil defense program within the range of proposed US programs is, as you know, complicated by the different approaches of the two nations. The current Soviet program stresses widespread compulsory public training and large-scale urban evacuation. All the proposed US programs place heavy emphasis on inherent and slanted fallout shelters with adequate stocks of food and other supplies. The USSR, on the other hand, apparently intends to rely more heavily on hastily improvised fallout shelters than the US. Soviet evacuees are expected to bring enough supplies for the first several days.

3. Recognizing these dissimilarities in approach, the US option which most closely resembles current Soviet practice is Posture 3, System C. The goal of this posture--limited protection for the entire population--is most like the principal objective of the Soviet program. System C calls for evacuation of the urban population to well-stocked, inherent fall-out shelters. The Soviet program likewise calls for urban evacuation but does not now provide an adequate number of shelters or a sufficient stock of supplies.

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4. Please let me know if there is anything25X1A9a
more we can do for you on this subject.



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Attachment:
Comparison of US and
Soviet Civil Defense
Programs

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